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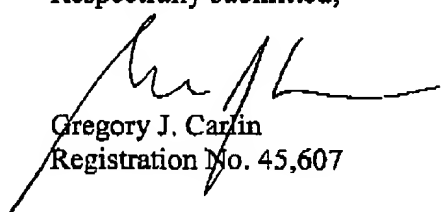
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The amendments above and these remarks are in response to the Office Action mailed on June 21, 2004. In the Office Action, Claims 1-21 were allowed and Claims 22-41 were rejected. As shown above, Claims 22-41 have been cancelled so that allowable Claims 1-21 are the only remaining claims.

In view of the remarks and amendments presented above, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 1-21 of the present application are in condition for allowance. It is respectfully requested that a Notice of Allowance be issued in due course. The Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney to resolve any remaining issues in order to expedite examination of the present application.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

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